

Message Text

PAGE 01 TEGUCI 04142 231519Z

66

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07 INR-07 LAB-04

NSAE-00 SIL-01 PA-01 PRS-01 USIA-06 /038 W

----- 081617

R 222224Z SEP 75

FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1250

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

USCINCSO

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 4142

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, HO

SUBJECT: SITRATERCO'S DENUNCIATION OF COMMUNIST PARTY

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 4062 AND PREVIOUS

1. SITRATERCO (UNITED BRANDS UNION) RECENTLY ISSUED A DECLARATION ON COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS TO CONTROL THE LABOR MOVEMENT. THE MAIN POINTS FOLLOW:

(A) DENOUNCES THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF HONDURAS (PCH) FOR PLANNING THE TAKEOVER OF SITRATERCO AND SUCCESSIVELY OF FESITRANH (NORTH COAST LABOR FEDERATION), ANACH (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CAMPESINOS) AND THE CTH (HONDURAN WORKERS CONFEDERATION);

(B) POINTS OUT THAT THE SITRATERCO DISSIDENTS ARE UNDERMINING THE UNION BY CLAIMING THAT THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS ILLEGALLY ELECTED; AND

(C) CHARGED THAT "LEFTIST ELEMENTS" ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEFAME THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP IN ALL POSSIBLE WAYS.

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TEGUCI 04142 231519Z

2. COMMENT: THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE INROADS THAT THE DISSIDENTS HAVE MADE IN THE SITRATERCO STRUCTURE. WHILE NOT ALL THE DISSIDENTS ARE COMMUNISTS, THE COMMUNISTS ARE DIRECTING THE CAMPAIGN

AGAINST THE LEADERSHIP. OBDULIO CACERES, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE SITRATERCO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND CELEO GONZALEZ, PRESIDENT OF FESITRANH AND THE CTH, BELIEVE THAT THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST SITRATERCO IS MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE OF THE COMMUNISTS TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN HONDURAS. SITRATERCO BY FAR IS THE LARGEST AND MOST POWERFUL UNION IN THE COUNTRY AND A COMMUNIST VICTORY WOULD LEAD TO FESITRANH EVENTUALLY FALLING INTO THEIR CONTROL. GIVEN THE STRENGTH THE COMMUNISTS ALREADY HAVE IN FECESITLIH (TEGUCIGALPA-BASED FEDERATION), THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE CTH WOULD BECOME A COMMUNIST-DOMINATED ENTITY. THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS FOR THE SITRATERCO LEADERSHIP AND THEY WILL HAVE TO MAKE STRONG AND PROLONGED EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR HOLD ON THE UNION. COMMUNIST DOMINATION OF THE UNION IS BY NO MEANS INEVITABLE, BUT IT WILL REQUIRE THE LEADERSHIP TO REESTABLISH RAPPORT WITH THE RANK AND FILE AND SHOW THEM THAT THE LEADERSHIP'S CONTROL OF THE UNION IS BENEFITING THEM.

SANCHEZ

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 26 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LABOR UNIONS, PUBLIC ATTITUDES, COMMUNISTS, POLITICAL PARTIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 SEP 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975TEGUCI04142
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D750330-0097
From: TEGUCIGALPA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t197509106/baaaaefi.tel
Line Count: 77
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 SEP 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <04 SEP 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <11 DEC 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: n/a
TAGS: ELAB, HO, UNITED BRANDS, SITRATERCO
To: STATE INFO GUATEMALA
MANAGUA
SAN JOSE
SAN SALVADOR
USCINCSO
Type: TE

Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006